

VSP Public Comment

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Subject: Standards for AVVPAT

Should California reject the proposed Diebold system? Vote=Yes

Dear Senator Feinstein and Senator Boxer,

If the U.S is to remain a free society then our electoral process must be honest, reliable and accessably to scrutiny. Some of these concerns are reflected in addressing the issue that our electronic voting machines are accurate and have a reliable paper trail. The relationship between the Diebold corporation and the Republican party is well documented on the web site BlackboxVoting.org. Therefore I seriously questions any recommendations offerd by Diebold. Instead while not being a high tech professional I support the following; (1) a seperate sheet for each ballot (2) permanent ink records (3) a recount friendly format (4) vote tallying that has reliabilty and validity safegaurds. (5) Safeguards that once the voting has started the machines can not be tampered with

Sincerely,

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Citizen Proposed Standards:

The AVVPAT shall be printed on single sheet non-thermal at least 16 pound paper, one record of vote per sheet.

Every recorded vote, no matter how recorded, shall have a AVVPAT copy.

The AVVPAT record of the vote shall be printed in a minimum of 12 point font.

The AVVPAT shall be printed and organized to be easily read by both the voter and election officials.

The AVVPAT during the 1% manual audit and any recount shall be physically verified and hand counted only.

The recorded vote choices on the AVVPAT shall not be audited or recounted by automatic or electronic methods.

There shall not be a method by which any particular voting record can be connected to any particular voter.

Any AVVPAT spoiled or rejected by a voter because of a voting system error shall not be counted as a spoiled ballot under the two spoiled ballots limit.

No remote access to voting machines by wireless or internet.